



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY CADET COMMAND
FORT MONROE, VIRGINIA 23651-5000

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2 June 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR Region/Brigade/Battalion Commanders, U.S. Army
Cadet Command

SUBJECT: Medical Issues

1. The following information is provided regarding ongoing medical issues of concern within this Command.

a. **Nonscholarship Physicals.** After a review of the issues surrounding the physical examinations for nonscholarship cadets, the Office of the Surgeon General (OTSG) has agreed to continue the support to this command for the payment of physicals for those cadets that cannot use an MTF (military treatment facility) or a MEPS (military entrance processing station) within a 50-mile radius or one hour drive one way.

(1) **Important:** Ensure that the most timely and cost effective method is used when scheduling these physicals. Revert to the contractor only when there is no other alternative.

(2) For those who have bills from contract physicians for services rendered, continue to submit these bills to this HQs, ATTN: Command Surgeon's Office. Requests must include a cover letter from Professor of Military Science (PMS) that requests the services (to include point of contact and telephone number), a letter/certification that the service was provided, and the invoice/bill with the civilian medical facility's TAX ID number and the cadet's name and social security number on it. In addition, any remedial workup or laboratory bills may be sent to this HQs. **Reminder: Only bills pertaining to nonscholarship physicals are sent to this HQs.**

b. **LASIK/PRK (laser in-situ keratomileusis/photorefractive keratectomy).** Current policy for LASIK/PRK is that it is still a disqualifier for the ROTC program. Previous guidance regarding individuals requesting medical waivers for LASIK/PRK surgery is now modified. Initial OTSG guidance stated that at least 12 months must have elapsed since the date of the last surgery or enhancement procedure before a waiver could be requested. The OTSG indicates that the waiting period for waiver consideration has now been reduced to six months. Continue to submit your waiver requests to the Command Surgeon.

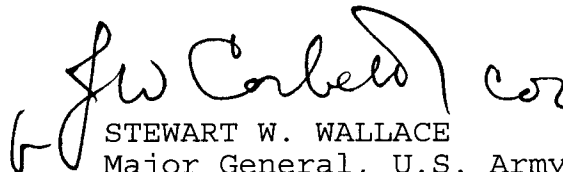
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c. Panoramic X-Ray Requirement for Nonscholarship Cadets.

The OTSG has informed this command there is no requirement for a panoramic x-ray as part of the medical/dental examination for nonscholarship ROTC applicants, ROTC cadets during advanced camp, airborne school, or commissioning examinations, or for boarding a civilian or a military aircraft. Panoramic x-rays continue to be a requirement for scholarship applicants. The Cadet Command Surgeon is currently working with OTSG to draft a policy where DNA testing will be done at Advance Camp.

d. Pap Tests. Female pelvic examinations completed as a part of the accession physical will no longer be required or performed. Current statistical data has demonstrated the number of positive findings in comparison to time, follow up, and expense incurred no longer make this single procedure a valid test for entry. Therefore, females will not have to undergo a pap examination for contracting or at Advanced Camp, unless medically indicated either through cadet's history or external examination.

2. The POC for this action is Mrs. Hydrick, (757) 727-4537, hydrickmc@monroe.army.mil,.


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